

DISTRICT	Norfolk
PROGRAM NAME	Connections
GRADES SERVED	4-6
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DESCRIPTION	Connections is an after-school enrichment program for elementary students with extraordinary learning ability and those with outstanding talents in the arts. Connections serves students from the four elementary schools served by Shared Services. The program coordinator works with community mentors who are specialists in various fields in developing authentic projects that deepen and extend the students' critical thinking and problem solving skills. A product is developed at the end of each project that is shared with the school and/or general community. There are five program strands offered over the school year: two in the area of science/environmental learning, one based on computer science, one based on theatre arts/drama, and one with a focus on language arts through a connection with a local newspaper.